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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 3029-168	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/US04/14659	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 11 May 2004 (11.05.2004)	(Earliest) Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 17 June 2003 (17.06.2003)
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This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the Report

- a. With regard to the language, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. ☐ With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, see Box No.

I.

2. ☐ Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box No. II)

3. ☐ Unity of invention is lacking (See Box No. III)

4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the drawings,

- a. the figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 19

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

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- b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box IV TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)

The technical features mentioned in the abstract do not include a reference sign between parentheses (PCT Rule 8.1(d)).

NEW ABSTRACT

The semiconductor wafer containment device or wafer box includes a base (10) with a planar floor (12) and a double concentric cylindrical wall structure (22,24) arising therefrom. The double concentric cylindrical wall structure includes slots (26,28) through which latch elements (44,46) pivot radially. The latch elements include an inward padded spacer element (52,53). The latch elements pivot between an outward position wherein the padded spacer elements are relatively away from the wafer containment space and an inward upright position wherein the padded spacer elements impinge into the wafer containment space and are urged against the semiconductor wafers therein. Ramps (77,79) on the lid (70) capture the latch elements in the outward position and urge the latch elements to pivot to the inward upright position and be detent engaged in this position by slots (76,78) formed on the lid.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : B65D 85/90

US CL : 206/445, 454, 710

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 206/303, 445, 454, 499, 701, 710-712, 723

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
NONE

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
NONE

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 6,286,684 B1 (BROOKS et al) 11 September 2001 (11.09.2001), See entire document.	1-20
A	US 6,341,695 B1 (LEWIS et al) 29 January 2002 (29.01.2002), See entire document.	1-20
A	US 6,550,619 B2 (BORES et al) 22 April 2003 (22.04.2003), See entire document.	1-20
A	US 6,564,946 B2 (LEWIS et al) 20 May 2003 (20.05.2003), See entire document.	1-20

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

☐ See patent family annex.

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